Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) Piston unit having a captive spring for a cylinder~~, in particular a tandem master cylinder of a motor vehicle,~~ wherein the spring, with a first end, is supported at least indirectly on a piston and, with a second end, is supported on a retaining device that is displaceable relative to the piston and the movement of which relative to the piston is limited by securing means, wherein the securing means include a projection that is non-detachably arranged at the piston and whose free end is provided with a stop that limits the movement of the retaining device relative to the piston, said stop comprising a disc riveted to the projection.

11. (Previously Presented) Piston unit as claimed in claim 10, wherein the projection is formed integrally with the piston by way of extrusion.

12. (Currently Amended) Piston unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the ~~stop~~ disc is fastened to the piston in a form-fit.

13. (Currently Amended) Piston unit as claimed in claim 12, wherein the projection is cylindrical and includes a step for abutment of [[a]] the disc at least in the area of the free end.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) Piston unit as claimed in claim [[14]] 13, wherein the ~~stop~~ disc is fastened to the piston by way of wobble-riveting.

16. (Previously Presented) Piston unit as claimed in claim [[11]] 10, wherein the stop is provided by deforming the free end of the projection.

17. (Previously Presented) Piston unit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the piston includes a bottom and a bowl projecting from it, said bowl accommodating the spring and the projection at least in part.

18. (Previously Presented) Piston unit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the piston is formed in an extrusion process and, on an outside surface, includes recesses used to accommodate a push rod that moves the piston.